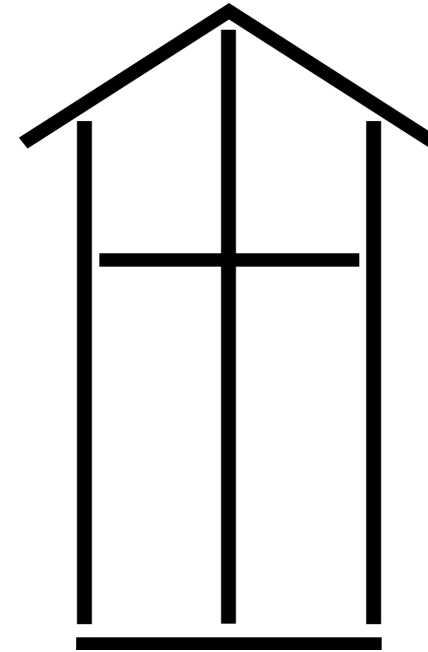


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Matt Kelly.
The Caregiving Chair for July is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Jean Welsh.
The Caregiver of the Week is Bob Boteler.
The Liturgists for July are Elizabeth Quinn and Marty Kelly.
The Flowers for July are provided by Geri Smith, Kathryn Davis,
Jane Claire Williams and Lawana McLennan.
The Usher Captain for July is Nancy Smith.

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Senior Pastor	Scott Dickison
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Interim Youth Coordinator	Dabbs Massey
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

—Frederick Buechner

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024
Ten-thirty o'clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection, and prayer. Following the service, please enjoy a time of fellowship with those around you.

The Prelude “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” Burton

The Meditation of Preparation

Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Spoken Call to Worship

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 *ODE TO JOY*
 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*The Litany of Praise Matt Thames

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus, you shared peace around a table of anxiety,

**People: peace with the bread and wine, peace in the face of uncertainty
 and pain.**

Leader: May we share tables of peace in places of pain,

People: sharing food and friendship and words and life.

**All: Because you came to a fearful world and found your place
 around those tables. Amen.**

—Pádraig Ó Tuama, adapted from *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community*

*The Gloria Patri No. 807 “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Invocation Matt Thames

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
 Psalm 48

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Every time God forgives us, God is saying that God's own rules do not matter as much as the relationship that God wants to create with us.

—Richard Rohr

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 "I Come with Joy" *DOVE OF PEACE*

*The Offertory Prayer Matt Thames

The Offertory "I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach

*The Doxology *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 6:1-13 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "O Lord Most Holy" Franck
Maren Hrivnak, *soprano*
Bennett Randman, *cello*

The Sermon "The Holiness of Now" Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and

gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread—Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, and return to the pews by the outside aisle. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. An individually wrapped, gluten-free option is available at the communion table.

The Cup—Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Once all have been served, we will drink the cup together.

COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends an invitation to membership by request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please come forward at this point in the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

If you ask me what I came to do in this world,
I will answer you: I am here to live out loud.

—Émile Zola

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"

Pethel

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, July 7

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service/Communion

Monday, July 8

8:30 a.m.

Caregiving, L/CR

Tuesday, July 9

12:00 p.m.

Summer Bible Study, GH

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

Saturday, July 13

Kid's & Youth leave for Passport

Sunday, July 14

8:30 a.m.

Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m.

Summer Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Passport

The youth will travel to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC, July 13-19.

Cook-Out & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m., home of Audrey & Scott Dickison

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Northminster Bible Camp

“Inside Out” July 19th-21st

Friday 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

To Register: Forms are available in the church office,
or call the church office at 601-982-4703.

Questions: Contact Sandra Triplett
sandratriplett23@gmail.com
(601) 278-3817

Summer Sunday School for Children

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, Bible skills and crafts. We hope your children will join us!

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, July 30 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children who have birthdays in June and July are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

July 14

Firecrackers
Sparklers

Ceejaye & Mitch Peters
TBD

July 21

Bible Camp

**The congregation will please stand.*

The scriptures for today are found
on the following pages in the pew Bible:

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10~ pages 243-244

Psalm 48 ~ page 450-451

Mark 6:1-13 ~ page 817

Communion and Children: Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all children to feel included. Northminster honors a long-standing tradition that each family will decide whether non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that if a family decides that a child should wait to receive Communion, the child can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. Hopefully, this option provides all children a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community.

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

Today our guest musician is Bennett Randman.

CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CARE CARDS may be found in the pew racks, if you would like to write anyone. Place your cards in the offering plate. Cards will be mailed from the church office on Monday morning.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Shirley Geary is hospitalized at Madison Rehab.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Libby McGee
Carolyn Aden	Carla Holt	Tom Starling

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need, please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

July 11: Joe Sims
July 18: Deacons

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, July 17

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Helen Turner	Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Elizabeth Quinn	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Judy Rankin	Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

Meals on Wheels is in need of one cook to work on a team that cooks on average three to four Wednesdays a year. There is one Wednesday remaining in 2024 for this team. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Children's Bible Revisited: A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at Noon

Lunch: sub sandwiches, cost \$10

Many of us first come to know and love the Bible through stories we learn as children. And yet many of these stories have a depth of meaning far beyond what could (or should!) be included in a children's Bible. This summer we'll gather on Tuesdays in the Great Hall over a light lunch to take a closer look at some of these beloved stories and see what good news they might have for us as adults.

July 9: Jonah—Eddie Mahaffey leading
July 16: Queen Esther
July 23: The Christmas Story(ies)
July 30: TBD
August 6: The Feeding of the Five Thousand
August 13: Zacchaeus

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Rising 7th Grade Sunday School

This summer, we are doing Sunday school a bit differently for our rising 7th grade students as a way to provide a smooth transition to the Youth House. Hart Wylie will be leading, and the group will either meet separately in the Great Hall or together with other youth in the Youth House. Scott will be teaching on most of the Sundays we join the youth. Here is the summer schedule:

July 14: away for Passport
July 21: assist with Bible camp
July 28: Great Hall
August 4: Youth House

Mondays with Scott

We will meet downstairs by the children's department each of the Mondays below at 11:30. If you know you are coming, please let us know so we will know how many to expect. Please bring money for lunch. The dates and activities we will be doing, along with lunch, are as follows:

July 15 - Pack bags for Wider Net families
July 22 - Pool day

Hope to see you there!